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ENGLAND fighting againſt America, is a houſe divided againſt itſelf. [A very juſt obſervation, and *very new*.]

A few days ago the Chevalier d'Eon dined with Lord Ferrers, and ſeveral other perſons of diſtinction;----a convincing proof that he is *not* committed to the Baſtile! [Unleſs the Chevalier is a bird (according to the Iriſh phraſe) and can be in *two* places at *once*.]

On Tueſday laſt Joſiah Quincy, Eſq; had a conference of ſeveral hours with Lord Dartmouth. [It is ſaid his Lordſhip has been ſick of a *Quincy* ever ſince.]

There has been lately a great mortality among the Biſhops; no leſs than ſix deaths and tranſlations have happened in the courſe of a few months. [*Either* way a Biſhop is ſure to be a *gainer*; for, whether he *dies* or is *tranſlated*, we are bound to believe that he goes to a *better place*.]

A few days ſince ſome Gentlemen were invited to dine on a fawn, but it appeared a few days afterwards that a large *grey-hound* had been dreſſed. [This was literally a *dog* trick.]

In the late conteſt for the Aldermanſhip between Sheriff Hart and Mr. Neate, Alderman Bull has been much blamed for his partiality to the latter. [It is a very natural partiality: Surely *Neat* is more *Germain* to *Bull* than *Hart*.]

It is ſaid that all the officers of revenue in New England are preparing to return home. [Such of them as have been metamorphoſed into *birds* are properly prepared for flight. This kind of tame *wild fowl*, although very common in North America, is *rara avis* in this country. By the operation of *tarring* and *feathering* they ceaſe to be men, according to Plato, who defined a man to be "a two-legged creature *without* feathers."]

No leſs than eleven gamblers, who were apprehended at the hazard table in Gerrard ſtreet, were yeſterday committed to Bridewell to beat hemp. [In all probability *hemp* will *beat* them at laſt.

It is ſtrongly reported that Mr. ****, having ſpent all his fortune, and mortgaged his office, is under the neceſſity of applying to the ſtudy of the law. [We do not believe he will make a great figure at that buſineſs, if there is any truth in the old proverb, "Neceſſity has *no* law."]

By the laſt letters from North America, we hear that the troops have finiſhed the fortifications on Boſton Neck. [It is now *neck or nothing*.]

Yeſterday, when Lord North ſtood up to ſpeak in the Houſe, he was obliged to reſt on a ſtick for ſupport. [There are ſome very *ſad Sticks* on the Treaſury Bench who yield him *no ſupport at all*.]

Yeſterday Mr. Alderman Sawbridge notified to the Houſe, that he intended to make his *annual* motion for ſhortening the duration of Parliaments. [This ſeems to be a matter of *courſe* with the worthy Alderman, and comes regularly upon the *rota* like other Aldermanic buſineſs. It is the fate of this magiſtrate to be always making *motions*, and never to *get forward*.]

LONDON, *January* 14.

WE have an account, from a neighbouring kingdom, of ſuch a deed committed there, that we dread the confirmation of it.---It is ſaid that the brother to a Lady of faſhion now in this kingdom paid his addreſſes to a married Lady in that; but finding his offers were rejected with ſcorn, he ſought an opportunity, and attempted violence. The inſulted Lady called for aſſiſtance; and, when he found his deſign was fruſtrated, he drew a penknife from his pocket, and firſt cut the Lady's noſe off, and then turned it upon the ſervant, who came to her aid, and killed him upon the ſpot.

The office of Secretary of State for the plantations, it is affirmed, will be aboliſhed, and the affairs of trade and the colonies regulated upon an entire new plan.

Extract of a letter from a Gentleman in AMIENS, *in* FRANCE, *November* 24.

"A murder has been committed about ten leagues from hence. The tale runs thus: Early in the morning a baker's man found a child, new born, at or near the door of his maſter's houſe, in a baſket. The child was neatly dreſſed, and in the baſket was depoſited, with the poor infant, a bag containing a thouſand livres. The fellow put the money in his pocket, but the child he put into the oven, which had been juſt heated for baking bread. When the maſter came to the oven, he found a ſtrange offenſive ſmell, and receiving no ſatisfactory anſwer from the man to his inquiry after the cauſe of it, he ſearched the oven, which preſented a ſight too horrid for deſcription. He ſeized the wretch, who confeſſed the deed, but had the addreſs to tempt his maſter to conceal it, by offering him the money which had induced him to commit ſo abominable a crime. In fine, the villain was delivered into the hands of juſtice, was tried, convicted, and ſentenced to be baked alive in an oven, in the public market place of the town where the murder was committed. An oven was accordingly built for that purpoſe, which was heated from ſix in the morning till noon; in which the miſcreant was ſacrificed to the manes of the poor infant, and periſhed a juſt victim to the law of retaliation, in the ſight of many thouſands, without a tear of pity from an individual eye to moiſten his aſhes."

Extract of a letter from SHEERNESS.

"The following humorous affair happened at this place a few days ago:---A young Gentleman, who is clerk in a public office, enjoying, one evening, an agreeable *tete a tete* with his miſtreſs, they were unexpectedly diſturbed by the Lady's father knocking at the door; and not thinking it prudent for him and Quildrive to have an interview, it was judged proper that the latter ſhould be ſecreted, and the place of his retreat was fixed to be in a tub, in which was held ſalt; and as he was neither in bulk nor ſtature a Goliah, it very conveniently held him: But the old Gentleman bringing home ſome ſprats for ſupper, and being very particular in his mode of dreſſing them, undertook to go through the operation himſelf; when, unluckily going for ſome ſalt to the identical tub in which was our hero, and being in the dark, the inhabitant of the wooden tenement bit his finger pretty ſeverely; on which the old man luſtily roared out, "A rat, a rat!" and going for a candle, in order to wreak his vengeance on the author of his pain, in the mean time the ſuppoſed little animal made his eſcape, boaſting, that however cunning the old Don might think himſelf, yet he was not ſagacious enough at all times "to ſmell a rat."

Extract of a private letter from the HAGUE, *Dec.* 27.

"A war on the continent is, according to the preſent circumſtances, almoſt unavoidable; to which end the Continental Princes actually have 1,625,000 of the beſt diſciplined troops in readineſs: But it is certain that Great Britain will not be in the leaſt concerned in it; for we are informed from undoubted authority, that a new alliance has been treated on between Great Britain, France, and Spain, and which was the real cauſe of Lord Mansfield's trip to Paris. Of this treaty the French boaſt, and ſay it was bought at a *prix d'or*; the reaſon of which they pretend is the affairs of America, which never could have come to a ſerious conſideration of the Britiſh Court, without previouſly obtaining the pacific determinations of France and Spain. It is further ſaid, that the ſaid treaty was finiſhed under the guarantee of Pruſſia and Sardinia, and which was the cauſe of changing Ambaſſadours between the latter Courts."

Feb. 15. It is whiſpered, for maintaining of pacific meaſures, Canada is given up to the Court of France. O rare times! and thrice hapleſs England!

They write from Truro, in Cornwall, that they have diſcovered a mine of ſilver and copper there; a quintal of ore, which was taken at hazard, yielded nine ounces of ſilver, and twenty pounds weight of copper.

Some perſons talked with confidence that General Gage is abſolutely on his paſſage to this kingdom.

Feb. 16. A letter from Edinburgh, dated February 11th, ſays, "laſt week one of the Commiſſioners from the Perth and Stirling Company of Farmers, for purchaſing lands in North America, returned to Glaſgow, having purchaſed a tract of 10,000 acres, at a very trifling coſt, in the province of New York, upon Choptank river, of a rich loam, and which may be all laboured when the wood is cleared; there are vaſt tracts unſettled, of a fine ſoil, and in a healthy climate. He ſays, that the country inhabitants are eager upon the cultivation of land."

A requeſt has been deſpatched, it is whiſpered within this laſt week, to the reigning Prince of Mecklenburg, her Majeſty's brother, to watch the motions of the German Princes, and to convey every article of conſequential intelligence with all ſpeed to London. It ſeems the Miniſtry have had ſome recent news from that part of the world, which has created ſome diſagreeable apprehenſions, and promiſes them much vexation, unleſs timely preventative meaſures are taken.

By deſpatches yeſterday from America, we learn that the coloniſts have ſtolen a march on Government; and ſince the accounts of the intentions of Government have reached their ſhore, of reinforcing General Gage, they have ſeized the opportunity of his weakneſs, and have obliged him to re-embark his troops.

We alſo learn, by the ſame packet, that in Virginia they have now 15,000 troops under arms, 1000 horſe, and 5000 free Negroes.

A letter from a Gentleman of veracity at Paris ſays, we have the moſt authentic intelligence that the French and Spaniards together have forty ſhips of the line, beſides frigates, &c. now in the Weſt Indies.

It is ſaid that the exciſe on beer and ale, from January 1774 to January 1775, amounted to £. 1,385,420 : 10. The whole revenue of the exciſe amounted to £. 3,487,129 : 12 : 6.

It is beyond doubt that ſix large ſhips ſailed lately, three from Holland, and the reſt from France, with arms, ammunition, and other implements of war, for our colonies, and more are abſolutely preparing for the ſame place.

A packet was received laſt week from the Governor of Rhode Iſland, in which mention is made that the town of Newport, which is the capital, was viſibly declining in its trade, and that ſome of the principal ſettlers had left that place, and were gone to New York, Quebec, and other provinces.

The Lord Mayor is making great preparations at the Manſion Houſe for the grand feſtival which is to be given to the Patriotic Peers. The Royal Dukes of Glouceſter and Cumberland are requeſted to honour the city with their preſence on that day; as the great body of merchants who are injured by the perſecution of the Americans wiſh to teſtify their gratitude and reſpect to thoſe illuſtrious ſupporters of their liberties and their commerce.

The Miniſtry complain very loudly of the alteration in the temper of a certain American Governor, ſince his being made Commander in Chief of the forces in that quarter: An addition of power it was expected would have produced additional zeal; but they ſay, like all others, he is dwindled into the tame magiſtrate.

Orders are given from the war office, for the Lord Lieutenants of every county in England to give in accounts of the ſtate and conditions of the Militia, as well officers as private men.

It is confidently reported that Prince Erneſt of Mecklenburg Stretlitz will ſhortly be created an Iriſh Peer.

Letters from Antigua, dated the 4th of November, 1774, mention, that they have had fine weather there, and would be able to make more ſugar this year than the laſt ſeaſon, although they had made more at that time than for many years before, all the ſhips in that trade not being able to bring over much above half the ſugar they make.

The force which is expected to rendezvous at Boſton and its neighbourhood by the 10th of April next, we hear, will conſiſt of 13,000 effective men, conſiſting of fifteen regiments of foot, one of light dragoons, ſeven companies of artillery, and twenty ſeven of marines.

A Gentleman of fortune and probity at the weſt end of the town received a copy of the addreſs to his Majeſty, with his anſwer, about an hour after it was preſented, which he immediately ſent by an expreſs, ready for that purpoſe, to the north of Scotland, where a veſſel was ready to ſail at a minute's warning. This is the fourth veſſel that has ſailed from the ſame quarter within theſe three weeks for the continent of America.

The ſhort letter in our paper of Saturday to Lord North, reſpecting General Gage's being forced to decamp from Boſton, is confirmed by an expreſs arrived to-day, which mentions, that the Americans had forced him to ſhip himſelf off with his troops.

Numbers of Gentlemen here are about to embark for America, to act with the Americans as volunteers.

Returns are ordered to be made of all the out-penſioners in England, Scotland, and Ireland, to compoſe the new Independent Companies.

Feb. 17. As ſoon as Government has brought the Americans to their ſenſes, a Viceroy, we hear, will be ſent over, who will be inveſted with ſuch power and authority as to prevent, for the future, ſuch unhappy diſputes ever happening again.

Extract of a letter from PARIS, *February* 3.

"Three months before the death of the late King Lewis XIV. his Majeſty propoſed to the Marquis of Brunois to buy his Chateau de Brunois, for the Count de Provence. The Marquis refuſed to ſell it; the death of the King ſtopped any further proceeding in the affair at that time. Since the preſent King came to the throne, his Majeſty has declared that he perſiſts in the intentions of his grandfather. The Marquis likewiſe perſiſts in his refuſal, and claims to have his right and pretenſions decided by juſtice, againſt the ſovereign authority. This queſtion will form one of the moſt intereſting cauſes that has ever happened ſince the foundation of the French monarchy.

Lord North hath now taken the moſt decent meaſures to reſign, and it is ſuppoſed, before the expiration of fourteen days, that a new ſet of men will ſucceed to office.

Notwithſtanding the ſanguine puffs of Adminiſtration, we are informed that meaſures will relax, and peace be again re-eſtabliſhed in America.

A change in the Miniſtry of France is hourly expected to take place: In that caſe, Choiſeul will convince us immediately what French ſincerity is.

Prince Erneſt (brother to her Majeſty) and the Miniſters of Denmark, Pruſſia, Ruſſia, and Hanover, &c. were yeſterday at Court.

The accounts from Lord Dunmore of the ſpirit of the people of Virginia, and the equal vigour of the other American provinces, have thrown the Miniſtry into a ſtate of deſpondency. The ſanguine ſtrings, which they ſcrewed ſo high, begin to relax, and an univerſal change of men and meaſures muſt be adopted.

Advice is received that one of our frigates has had an engagement, off Cadiz, with two Spaniſh men of war, which laſted three glaſſes, when the former was obliged to bear away for Gibraltar, in a ſhattered condition, which port ſhe reached with great difficulty.

Orders are given from the war office for a ſurvey to be taken of the militia in the ſeveral counties of this kingdom, and the ſtate thereof to be reported forthwith.

Laſt week a bow and a quiver, in which were 24 arrows made of reed, pointed with ſteel, and bearded, were found in New Foreſt, Hampſhire, ſuppoſed to have lain there ſince the reign of King William Rufus, who was ſhot in that foreſt 675 years ago. The reeds were not decayed, nor the points ruſty.

Feb. 18. The people at the victualling office work night and day, and employ all hands that offer themſelves. Four thouſand caſks have been ſent from Portſmouth, thoſe in town being inſufficient for preſent uſe, nor can they be made half ſo faſt as they are wanted. Theſe extraordinary preparations are thought to portend a war with ſome European power, as the ſtock in hand is more than ſufficient for any probable demand on an American expedition.

We are informed that Earl Percy, ſon of the Duke of Northumberland, is now on his return to England, having been put under a military arreſt.

It was yeſterday currently reported that Lord North has reſigned, and the ſame rumour prevails again this day; but matters are in ſuch a ſtate, that we cannot tell with any certainty, nor (if the above report be true) what changes have taken place.

It is well known that no man ever accepted a commiſſion with more reluctance than General Gage did the command of the troops againſt the Americans. His Lady is the daughter of an inhabitant of Boſton: It was a ſufficient mortification to be torn from his family and friends, and a much greater to be employed againſt thoſe with whom he was connected by friendſhip and the ties of conſanguinity.

A ſcene of greater confuſion, miſrule, and injuſtice, cannot be conceived, than is deſcribed in a letter of Lord Dunmore's, dated December 24, as now prevailing in the province of Virginia:---- Committees are appointed in every county, to enforce what they call the *Laws* of the Congreſs, and exerciſing higher powers in viſiting private houſes, and calling perſons before them, than were ever practiſed by any *legal Government* in Europe. Armed companies are raiſed in every county there, to enforce the orders of theſe committees, and in ſome places the men are ſworn in, directly in defiance of the legal prerogative of the Crown. The courts of juſtice are ſhut, merely becauſe a bill for ſettling the fees happened to be loſt with other bills, when their Aſſembly was diſſolved laſt ſummer. But it is fairly to be ſuppoſed, that the true reaſon is, to aggravate and inflame the clamour at home, by

preventing the legal demands of creditors here from being determined in their Courts. Lord Dunmore apprehends that ſuch violences may ſpread themſelves, by the general diſorder which they muſt occaſion. It is to be wiſhed, adds our correſpondent, that the Parliament would order this moſt remarkable letter to be printed, as it will convince every order of men in this country what part they are to take, when ſuch iniquitous proceedings prevail in every part of the dominions of the Crown of Great Britain. Let it be obſerved, that Virginia has no reaſon to complain; their charter has not been touched; they have paid no duty on tea, and yet they have been amongſt the foremoſt in throwing off their conſtitutional dependence on this country, without provocation, and at the riſk of involving their own province in riots and confuſion. The rich have laid in ſtores for two years; the poor will ſuffer, and will riſe!

Feb. 21. Sir James Lowther and his friends have deſerted the Miniſtry. This is a deſertion of ſuch a nature as greatly alarms.

Some days ago, in the Warren of Woolwich, there was a call of men, to try who would voluntarily offer their ſervices in America; only one man offered, and he upon conditional terms, viz. that he ſhould be pardoned an offence which he had committed. Alſo, out of 250 of Burgoyne's light horſe but 15 offered to ſerve in America; they alſo murmured and ſaid, "they would not go to America to fight."

On Friday evening, in the ſtable yard at a certain houſe, there was a private meeting of the Lords B—e, N——h, M———d, G———d, &c. to conſult about ſuch meaſures as might put things on a better footing, as they were much divided in opinion the day before in the Privy Council on the bill of attainder, and the majority was againſt it. Every court engine is ſet to work to ſilence the city, and to prevent an addreſs; but ſuch is the honeſt ſpirit of the citizens that nothing can damp their zeal, and truth, when embarked in a good cauſe. The intentions of the manufacturing people to come up, give the town much uneaſineſs, for many are effectually on the march towards St. James's to remonſtrate *viva voce*.

The meaſures talked of, a few days ſince, of bills of attainder and proſcriptions of certain Americans, are laid aſide, as it was thought to be a meaſure which would take in many conſiderable perſons on this ſide the water, who might be conſtrued to be aiders and abettors.

A certain celebrated Lady amongſt the body of Quakers waited on the King to addreſs him on the times, and after promiſing her an audience, he abruptly withdrew.

It is certain that three French ſhips, with arms and ammunition, are ſafe arrived at Maryland, and their cargoes landed.

The people of Maryland have forbid the planting of tobacco this year, and a committee is formed to appoint people to pluck up ſuch plants as are already in the ground.

In a few days a total change of men and meaſures will be adopted.

The retreat of General Gage's troops to the ſhips, which ſeems now to be univerſally believed, is ſaid not to be in conſequence of any engagement between him and the Americans, but owing to the impoſſibility he found himſelf under of ſubſiſting on ſhore, from the country peoples entirely refuſing him all ſorts of ſupplies.

Within theſe few days a number of naval officers, upon the half pay liſt, have had notice ſent them to be in readineſs to enter upon actual duty when called in.

The alteration in the collecting the revenue in France is likely to be adopted in England.—*Far eſt et ha boſti doceri.*

On Saturday evening the ſelect committee finiſhed the inquiry into the merits of the Briſtol petition, and determined the election to be in favour of Edmund Burke and Henry Cruger, Eſquires. The report will be made this day.

The Spaniſh man of war which engaged the Engliſh frigat off Cadiz, received a chain ſhot which took away her foremaſt, and carried with it the bowſprit and main topmaſt, and had it not been for that fortunate circumſtance, the frigat certainly would have been taken.

ST. JAMES's, *Feb.* 4. Yeſterday the Lobby, and all the avenues leading to the Houſe of Commons, were ſo extremely crowded that there was not room for the members to paſs. Complaint being made, the Lobby was cleared, and great numbers were permitted into the gallery; but the ſtruggle to get in created great confuſion, which led to a motion, that the gallery ſhould be cleared, which was punctually executed, and none were allowed to remain, the Iriſh members excepted.

A few minutes after four, Lord North aroſe, and in a ſpeech which laſted near two hours, recapitulated the contents of the American papers which had been read to the Houſe, and pronounced the province of Maſſachuſetts Bay, and other parts of New England, to be in a ſtate of actual rebellion, and propoſed a conference with the Houſe of Lords, that a joint addreſs might be carried up to the Throne. He ſaid, that Adminiſtration wiſhed to adopt conciliatory meaſures if America would permit them; but at all events, in the firſt inſtance, the preſent ſtep was become indiſpenſably neceſſary. Among other things, his Lordſhip ſtated the burthens borne by Britain and America, from which he drew this deduction, that every perſon in the former, on an average, contributed at the rate of 25s. a head, whereas the latter did not contribute 6d. His Lordſhip likewiſe, in the courſe of his ſpeech, pointed out the meaſures intended to be purſued, in caſe the King ſhould agree to comply with their addreſs. He ſaid, he ſhould propoſe a temporary act to put a ſtop to all the foreign trade of New England, and particularly their fiſhery on the banks of Newfoundland, till they returned to their duty; at the ſame time declaring, that whenever they ſhould acknowledge the ſupreme authority of the Britiſh legiſlature, pay obedience to the laws of this realm, and make a due ſubmiſſion to the King, their real grievances, upon their making proper application, would be redreſſed. His Lordſhip further obſerved, that the other colonies were not ſo culpable, and he hoped might yet be brought to a ſenſe of their duty to the mother country, by more lenient meaſures; and he then concluded with a motion, "that an humble addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, that he would be pleaſed to take ſuch meaſures as might be ſuitable to his wiſdom, for enforcing the laws againſt America, and promiſing to ſupport him in a full and vigorous execution of the ſame, with their lives and fortunes." The meaſures propoſed to be taken, the better to force obedience in New England, were mentioned generally, and are ſaid to be, to ſend fourteen frigates to Boſton, and 10,000 troops, including Preſton's regiment of horſe; to aſk a ſupply of 2000 ſeamen more to man the fleet for Boſton, and to ſupply the naval eſtabliſhment at home, which falls ſhort, becauſe Admiral Harland is not arrived, as was expected, with the fleet from India. The motion being read by the Chairman, a debate enſued, which was opened by Mr. Dunning, who ſpoke above an hour and an half, in which he declared his Lordſhip's principles and deductions equally wrong, and that America was not in rebellion.—— Mr. Attorney General replied to Mr. Dunning, and ſupported the affirmative of the noble Lord's propoſition. Mr. Fox ſpoke next. His arguments were chiefly directed againſt the meaſures at large, and the perſons who planned them. And ſeveral other Gentlemen had ſpoke to the matter; the queſtion was put, and carried in favour of his Lordſhip's motion. For the addreſs 304, againſt it 105, majority 199.

Feb. 18. Lord North preſented to the Houſe the bill to prevent the Americans fiſhing on the banks of Newfoundland, for trading with any other place than Great Britain; which was read the firſt time, and ordered to be read the ſecond time on Thurſday, and to be printed.

The land forces are now increaſed from 17,574 men to 21,940.

A report was current yeſterday at the weſt end of the town, [illegible] intelligence had been received this week from [illegible] Commander in Chief on the Jamaica ſtation, which occaſioned an expreſs to be ſent away yeſterday morning to Lord Grantham, our ambaſſadour at Madrid.

LIVERPOOL, *Feb.* 2. We are aſſured from good authority, that a very important regulation will ſoon be made of Iriſh wool and woollen yarn imported into this kingdom, to prevent ſmuggling thoſe commodities to France and Spain.

Extract of a letter from a friend in LONDON, *to his correſpondent in* BRISTOL.

"You have no doubt read in the papers the apprehending of the Jews, &c. They were the moſt numerous and deſperate gang of villains that ever infeſted this metropolis. I have often ſeen them paſs by my door with their cutlaſſes under their arms, and was under the continual apprehenſions of having my houſe plundered, as they were ſo numerous they feared nothing, but ſtruck a terror to all the inhabitants near their haunts. Companies of them in open day would ſtop and rob, in the bye-lanes and alleys leading to Moorfields, every perſon for their purpoſe. But now, thank God, through the vigilance of Sir John Fielding and our magiſtrates, we are happilily releaſed from their depredations.—Three files of the guards, headed by the city marſhal and a great number of conſtables, marched in battle array, and in open day ſecured the avenues. A great mob followed, and much bloodſhed was expected; but the ſight of the ſoldiers ſtruck ſuch a damp in them, that they were ſecured with much leſs reſiſtance than was imagined they would be."

CHARLESTOWN (South Carolina) *March* 7.

FROM Savannah, in Georgia, we are informed that "the Collector of the Cuſtoms there, having ſeized ſome molaſſes and foreign ſugars, on the 15th day of laſt month, about a quarter of a mile from the ſaid town, put the ſame under the care of a waiter, and two ſeamen from on board his Majeſty's ſchooner St. John. About 12 o'clock the enſuing night, a large number of people, diſguiſed and armed, went to the Wharf, tarred and feathered the waiter, threw the two ſeaman into the river, and carried off the ſugar and molaſſes. One of the ſeamen, named David Martin, was ſeen in the water begging for mercy, and, as he has not ſince been heard of, there is great reaſon to believe that not being permitted to come out of the river, he there periſhed, and was drowned. His Excellency Sir James Wright, Governor of Georgia, has iſſued a proclamation, offering a reward of fifty pounds for the diſcovery of any one or more of the offenders, to be paid on their conviction; and if any of the perſons concerned, except thoſe who actually tarred and feathered the waiter, or forced the ſeaman, now miſſing, into the river, on their informing his Excellency, are offered his Majeſty's pardon, and to be permitted as King's evidence.

This day arrived Capt. William Carter, of the ſnow Lively, from Falmouth and Teneriff, having imported two tons of potatoes, which fell under the laſt clauſe of the tenth article of the Continental Aſſociation. Rather than endanger the health of his people, by carrying them back, he choſe to throw them overboard into the river; which he did in preſence of the committee of obſervation.

The ſame day the ſhip Charming Sally, Capt. Fortune, which arrived here the 16th inſt. from Briſtol, having on board a cargo which likewiſe falls under the tenth article of the Continental Aſſociation (viz. 3844 buſhels of ſalt, and 35 chaldrons of coals, conſigned to Mr. John Neufville; 40,500 tiles, conſigned to Mr. John Webb, for covering a houſe which he is building; and 14 pieces of ſail duck, conſigned to the Maſter) went over into Hog Iſland creek; the concerned therein chooſing that the ſalt, coals, and tiles, ſhould be thrown overboard, as ballaſt, rather than be carried back to Briſtol, and this morning the ſaid cargo began to be thrown in the ſaid creek accordingly, the committee of obſervation attending by deſire.

March 8. In conformity to the reſolutions of the Provincial Congreſs, no lamb mutton has appeared in our markets, or otherwiſe been killed for ſale, ſince the 1ſt inſtant.

The ſhip Happy Janet, Capt. Peticrew, of and from Dunbar, which arrived here on the 11th ult. laden with coals and potatoes, conſigned to the Maſter (although leaky) put to ſea again on Tueſday laſt the 28th; without having ſold or landed any part of the cargo; which could not be received here, in conſequence of the Continental Aſſociation.

The whole cargo of the ſhip Charming Sally, from Briſtol, except 14 pieces of ſail duck (which are to be carried back) having been thrown into 7 fathom water in Hog Iſland creek, the ſaid ſhip came up to town laſt Saturday evening, in order to load for her return.

The ſame evening arrived in the Rebellion Road, the ſhip Catherine, of Briſtol, Capt. Fraſer, with 300 ſlaves from Angola, to the addreſs of Mr. John Neufville (the worthy merchant who owns, and to whom the cargo of the ſhip Charming Sally abovementioned was conſigned) which as ſoon as ſhe can be ſupplied with proviſions and water for another voyage (having proviſions for only 4 days when ſhe came in) is to proceed for the Weſt Indies, with the whole of her cargo.

BOSTON, *March* 23.

MR. Mark Langdon, from Weſtminſter, in the province of New York, gives us the following account of the late unhappy diſturbance which happened in that place:—On the 13th inſtant a number of people, to the amount of about 150, collected in a body to oppoſe the ſitting of the Court. The Court party, to the number of about 70, attempted to open the Court, and to proceed as uſual. The ſheriff came to the courthouſe, and demanded entrance, which was refuſed him; and whilſt ſtruggling to enter the door, he received a blow upon his head, which levelled him with the ground: Having recovered a little, he aroſe and diſcharged a piſtol among the oppoſers, and commanded the Court party to fire alſo; when, as Mr. Langdon ſuppoſes, about five of them fired. Mr. French, one of the oppoſers, was killed by a ball's being lodged in his head, and two more of the ſame party were alſo wounded. The ſheriff and the Court party then entered the courthouſe. The populace without diſcharged a gun and two piſtols, which wounded two of the Court, viz. —— Butterfield, Eſq; and Mr. Williams. Next day thoſe who oppoſed the Court went armed to the courthouſe, with an intent to kill the ſheriff and clerk of the Court, but finding the Court reinforced by a number of men from New Hampſhire, they deſiſted from their purpoſe. The Court then adjourned to the next ſeſſions. No Courts have been eſtabliſhed in the county till within theſe three years paſt; and the people were very uneaſy, and exclaimed highly againſt the eſtabliſhment; in ſo much that in March 1774 a militia was raiſed in the county to ſuppreſs riots and diſturbances among them. It muſt be obſerved that the Court party were enemies to diſorder, and zealous aſſertors of the rights and liberties of the people, and were ſenſible how neceſſary to the peace and happineſs of ſociety is the regular adminiſtration of juſtice; and have ſhewn the ſame readineſs in oppoſing any forms of government not known by the conſtitution, as in erecting and defending legal Courts of juſtice.

NEWPORT, *March* 27.

WE are well informed that General Gage has four hundred of Rivington's papers regularly ſent him every week by the poſt, which are diſtributed among the army, navy, and ſuch others as are thought moſt proper to promote the infamous plan of enſlaving this country. Theſe papers are doubtleſs paid for out of the American revenue: Thus, Americans, you already begin to ſee your own money employed for enſlaving yourſelves and your children.

It is confidently aſſerted that 60,000 pounds ſterling, has been remitted from the treaſury in England, to be diſtributed among ſome hungry d—gs at New York.

We are well aſſured that his Honour our Governor has received a circular letter from Lord Dartmouth, of January 4th, in which his Lordſhip informs him, that a number of people, calling themſelves Delegates from ſeveral colonies, having aſſembled at Philadelphia laſt fall, without the King's authority or conſent, and, amongſt other unwarrantable proceedings, reſolved that another Congreſs ſhould be held there in May next, if certain *pretended* grievances ſhould not be redreſſed before that time; he was commanded to ſignify his Majeſty's pleaſure, that the Governor ſhould uſe his utmoſt endeavour to prevent any Delegates being appointed by this colony, and ſhould exhort all perſons to deſiſt from ſuch unjuſtifiable proceedings, which will be highly diſpleaſing to the King.

NEW YORK, *April* 3.

THE ſhip Charming Peggy, Capt. Tilley, ſailed laſt Thurſday for Briſtol: In the above veſſel was tranſmitted, by the Honourable the General Aſſembly of this province, an humble, firm, dutiful, and loyal petition to his Majeſty; as alſo a memorial to the Lords, and a repreſentation and remonſtrance to the Commons of Great Britain, requeſting their mutual endeavours for a ſettlement of the preſent diſputes ſubſiſting between the mother country and the colonies.

PHILADELPHIA, *April* 3.

Extract of a letter from BARBADOS, *March* 6.

OUR annual ſhips from London are daily arriving, by which we learn the American cauſe gains ground, which it is ſaid will produce a repeal of ſome of the acts of Parliament complained of. It is confidently aſſerted that Lord North has declared that he will not be anſwerable for the conſequences that may enſue, by an attempt to enforce the acts, as it is not a meaſure of his own; from whence it is hoped he will impeach the authors, before the ſeſſions are over.

WILLIAMSBURG, *April* 22.

LAST Wedneſday the freeholders and citizens of Williamſburg unanimouſly elected PEYTON RANDOLPH, Eſq; to repreſent them in Convention for one year, from the firſt day of May next.

They have alſo unanimouſly reſolved to continue their contributions to the Boſtonians; upon which a ſubſcription was immediately opened.

We learn from Pittſylvania that there is now living in that county one Mrs. Smith, in the 109th year of her age, formerly of James City county: She lately danced at a wedding, and ſung a ſong of thirteen verſes diſtinctly, which ſhe learnt at nine years old. She mounts a horſe with great agility, goes to mill, fords a river 200 yards broad, and labours for ſubſiſtence.

Mr. Richard Allen, of New Kent, on Monday laſt, was unfortunately drowned, with four Negroes, in attempting to croſs Pamunkey river. There were two puncheons of rum, and ſeveral bales of goods, on board when the boat overſet.

By advices from London, of the 20th and 21ſt of February, we learn, that the bill to reſtrain the trade of the New England provinces, among other things, declares it unfit that the inhabitants of the ſaid provinces ſhould enjoy the ſame privileges of trade to which his Majeſty's faithful and obedient ſubjects are entitled, and therefore enacts, that, during the continuance of this act, no merchandiſe whatever ſhall be ſhipped from thoſe provinces to any place whatſoever, except Great Britain, Ireland, or the Britiſh Weſt Indies. It further enacts, that whenever it ſhall appear to the ſatisfaction of the Governor and Council of New Hampſhire, and Maſſachuſetts Bay, that obedience to the laws ſhall be ſo far reſtored, as that goods have been imported and exported for a certain term preceding, to and from Great Britain, Ireland, and the Britiſh Weſt Indies, that then ſuch Governor and Council may, by proclamation, open the trade of the ſaid provinces.

By this act the provinces of New Hampſhire, Maſſachuſetts Bay, Connecticut, Rhode Iſland, and Providence Plantations, are prohibited from carrying on any fiſhery at Newfoundland, &c. and every ſource of profit entirely ſhut up.

Extract of a letter from LIVERPOOL, *dated February* 25, 1775.

"On the 20th inſtant Lord North made a motion in the Houſe which amazed every body; indeed it was very unexpected: The purport was, that you and the other provinces (Maſſachuſetts excepted) ſhould be permitted to raiſe the ſums by your own Aſſemblies that may be required by Government, and, on their doing that, the duties complained of ſhould ceaſe. If I can get you the news-papers herewith, I will; but you may depend an entire change in meaſures will ſoon, and is now taking place."

Laſt Thurſday night Capt. Collins, with a party of men, belonging to the Magdalen armed ſcooner, by command of Lord Dunmore, came to this city, from Burwell's ferry, and privately removed out of the magazine, and carried on board the ſaid ſchooner, about 20 barrels of gunpowder belonging to this colony. The inhabitants were alarmed with the intelligence early yeſterday morning, the Common Hall aſſembled, and the following addreſs was preſented to the Governor.

To his Excellency the Right Hon. JOHN *Earl of* DUNMORE, *his Majeſty's Lieutenant, Governor General, and Commander in Chief of the colony and dominion of* VIRGINIA:

The humble ADDRESS of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Council of the city of *Williamſburg*.

My Lord,

WE his Majeſty's dutiful and loyal ſubjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Council, of the city of Williamſburg, in Common Hall aſſembled, humbly beg leave to repreſent to your Excellency, that the inhabitants of this city were this morning exceedingly alarmed by a report that a large quantity of gunpowder was in the preceding night, while they were ſleeping in their beds, removed from the public magazine in this city, and conveyed, under an eſcort of marines, on board one of his Majeſty's armed veſſels lying at a ferry on James river.

We beg leave to repreſent to your Excellency, that as this magazine was erected at the public expence of this colony, and appropriated to the ſafe keeping of ſuch munition as ſhould be there lodged from time to time, for the protection and ſecurity of the country, by arming thereout ſuch of the militia as might be neceſſary in caſes of invaſions and inſurrections, they humbly conceive it to be the only proper repoſitory to be reſorted to in times of imminent danger.

We further beg leave to inform your Excellency, that, from various reports at preſent prevailing in different parts of the country, we have too much reaſon to believe that ſome wicked and deſigning perſons have inſtilled the moſt diabolical notions into the minds of our ſlaves, and that therefore the utmoſt attention to our internal ſecurity is become the more neceſſary.

The circumſtances of this city, my Lord, we conſider as peculiar and critical. The inhabitants, from the ſituation of the magazine, in the midſt of their city, have, for a long tract of time, been expoſed to all thoſe dangers which have happened in many countries from exploſions, and other accidents. They have, from time to time, thought it incumbent on them to guard the magazine. For their ſecurity they have, for ſome time paſt, judged it neceſſary to keep ſtrong patrols on foot; in their preſent circumſtance, then, to have the chief and neceſſary means of their defence removed, cannot but be extremely alarming. Conſidering ourſelves as guardians of the city, we therefore humbly deſire to be informed by your Excellency, upon what motives, and for what particular purpoſe, the powder has been carried off in ſuch a manner; and we earneſtly entreat your Excellency to order it to be immediately returned to the magazine.

To which his EXCELLENCY *returned this verbal anſwer:*

THAT, hearing of an inſurrection in a neighbouring county, he had removed the powder from the magazine, where he did not think it ſecure, to a place of perfect ſecurity; and that

upon his word and honour, whenever it was wanted on any inſurrection, it ſhould be delivered in half an hour; that he had removed it in the night time to prevent any alarm, and that Captain Collins had his expreſs commands for the part he had acted; he was ſurpriſed to hear the people were under arms on this occaſion, and that he ſhould not think it prudent to put powder into their hands in ſuch a ſituation.

The John, Capt. Taylor, from Liverpool, is arrived in James river, by whom we have received London advices to the 21ſt of February. Captain Taylor ſailed on the 17th, and ſays that a Gentleman of undoubted veracity came on board his veſſel that morning, and informed him that a change in the Miniſtry had actually taken place, which, it was generally thought, would occaſion a turn of meaſures in favour of the Americans.

Laſt Saturday, and this week, the following perſons were put to the bar of the General Court, for trial, viz.—John Watkins, from Henrico, for a rape; William Gray, from Weſtmoreland, for burglary; Robert Brofford, from Auguſta, for grand larceny; Julius Kirk, from York, for manſlaughter; William Pitman, from King George, for murder; and John Wood, from Fairfax, for burglary: Guilty.——Michael Smith, from Norfolk, for a robbery; Thomas Sweney, from Buckingham, for larceny; Richard Sampſon, and William Hoynds, from Prince William, for robbery; James Bayley, from Norfolk, for burglary; Joſeph Cowper, from York, for ditto; and James Lee, from Fairfax, for a robbery: Acquitted.——John Smith, from Fairfax (King's evidence againſt John Wood) to be ſent back to his county for examination touching a felony he is ſuppoſed to be guilty of.——James Hopkins, from Orange, for horſe-ſtealing, and James Martin and Henry Maſkall, from Cumberland, for forgery, are to take their trials in June.——Joſeph Cowper, Robert Brofford, and Julius Kirk, were burnt in the hand.

To the merchants, and maſters of veſſels.

Laſt Thurſday the ſchooner Endeavour, Michael Dyer commander, was tried and condemned in the Court of Admiralty, for having taken on board Indian corn without having previouſly given a non-enumeration bond; when the Judge was pleaſed to declare, that he ſhould not conſider the toleration allowed by the officers of the cuſtoms, in not requiring the bond to be given until the Captain went to clear out, as any excuſe for the ſhipper, but that he would, in future, enforce the ſeverity of the laws upon every delinquent.

Copy of a letter from BOSTON, *dated March 2d, to a Gentleman in* VIRGINIA.

SIR,

Your letter of the 24th of December laſt, to Mr. Cuſhing and others, by Capt. Tomkins of the ſchooner Dunmore, in which were brought ſeveral valuable donations from our friends in Virginia to the ſufferers in this town by the port bill, was communicated to the committee appointed to receive ſuch donations; and, by their direction, I am to acquaint you that they cheerfully conſented, at your requeſt, that the ſchooner ſhould be diſcharged at Salem, thinking themſelves under obligation to promote her deſpatch, more eſpecially as there was unexpected delay in her loading, and you have very generouſly declined receiving demurrage. We have repeatedly had abundant evidence of the firmneſs of our brethren of Virginia in the AMERICAN CAUSE, have reaſon to confide in them that they will ſtruggle hard for the prize now contending for. I am deſired, by the committee, to acquaint you that a ſhip has lately ſailed from this place, bound to James river, in Virginia, the maſter's name Crowel Hatch. When he was building his ſhip, a propoſal was made to him, by ſome of the committee, to employ the tradeſmen of this town, for which he ſhould receive a recompence by a diſcount of five per cent. on their ſeveral bills; but he declined to accept of the propoſal. This you are ſenſible would have been the means of his employing our ſufferers at their uſual rates, and at the ſame time as cheap to him as if he had got his veſſel built by more ordinary workmen from the country. There is alſo another circumſtance which I muſt relate to you: Capt. Hatch propoſed that the committee ſhould employ our ſmiths in making anchors for his veſſel, at a price by which they could get nothing but their labour for their pains, becauſe he could purchaſe caſt anchors imported here for the ſame price, which was refuſed. At this he was very angry, and (perhaps in a guſt of paſſion) declared, in the hearing of ſeveral perſons of credit, that he was uſed ill, threatening that "he would ſtop all the donations he could, and that no more ſhould come from the place where he was going to,"—meaning Virginia. Theſe facts the committee thought neceſſary to communicate to you, and to beg the favour of you to uſe your influence, that Capt. Hatch may not have it in his power (if he ſhould be diſpoſed) to traduce the committee, and injure the ſufferers in this town, for whoſe relief our friends in Virginia have ſo generouſly contributed.

I am, in the name of the committee,
Sir, your obliged friend,
And humble ſervant,
SAMUEL ADAMS

ADVERTISEMENTS.

RICHMOND, *April* 12, 1775.

WHEREAS I intend to leave this Colony in a ſhort Time, and being willing to give all the Satisfaction in my Power to my Creditors, I have executed a Deed, and made over in Truſt, to *Robert Burton* and *Andrew Chalmer* of this Place, and *Anderſon Peers* of *Goochland* County, all my Effects, and the Remainder of the Debts due to me for Tranſactions at this Place, and alſo of thoſe due for Tranſactions with *Anſelm George*, at the Store lately kept by him on my Account at *Giles Harding*'s, in *Goochland* County, after ſatisfying an Aſſignment on the Books made to *John M'Keand* on the 18th of *March* laſt, for £. 343:18:7 Currency. I therefore deſire all ſuch of my Creditors who are willing to accede to, and receive any Benefit from, the ſaid Deed of Truſt, to bring in their reſpective Claims to the ſaid Truſtees, properly authenticated, on or before the firſt Day of *June* next, as after that Time they cannot be admitted.

ARCHIBALD M'KENDRICK.

☞ ALL Perſons indebted to Mr. *Archibald M'Kendrick* are hereby requeſted to be as ſpeedy as poſſible in making Payment, or otherwiſe to adjuſt their Accounts, and grant Specialties for their reſpective Balances, that we may be enabled to ſettle his Affairs as ſoon as poſſible. Such of his Creditors who are willing to comply with the Terms mentioned above are deſired to give in a Note of their Claims to the Subſcribers, who will attend in *Williamſburg* at the enſuing Meeting of the Merchants.

ROBERT BURTON.
ANDREW CHALMER.

FREDERICKSBURG, *April* 12, 1775.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Subſcriber, either by Bond or open Accounts, are deſired to ſettle, and pay their reſpective Balances to *John Holladay*, Junior, who is properly authoriſed to receive them.

2‖ JACOB WHITLER.

AUGUSTA County, *April* 15, 1775.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of *John M'Clanachan*, deceaſed, are deſired to make ſpeedy Payment; and thoſe who have any Demands againſt the Eſtate are deſired to make them known to

4‖ ALEXANDER ST. CLAIR, Exec'r.

FREDERICKSBURG, *April* 12, 1775.

ALL Perſons indebted to *William Houſton*, either by Bond or open Accounts, are deſired to ſettle, and pay their reſpective Balances to *John Holladay*, Junior, who is properly authoriſed to receive them.

2‖ WILLIAM HOUSTON.

To be SOLD *by the Subſcriber, at her Store in* Williamſburg,

A large and well choſen Aſſortment of

GOODS,

WHICH CONSIST AS FOLLOWS, *VIZ.*

MINIONET and blond Lace and Edgings, white Satin and Luſtring, a number of black, white, and other coloured Silk Petticoats, Patent Net Aprons and Hoods, ſuperfine Fancy and Dreſs Caps, Stomachers and Knots, Tambour Muſlin, Waiſtcoats and Sword Knots, white, coloured, and raw Silk Stockings, brown Thread and Cotton Stockings, black Silk ditto, Cane and Silk Hats, *French* Flowers for trimming ditto, Silk Gloves and Mits, Leather and brown Thread ditto, fine ſtamped *Iriſh* Muſlins for Ladies Gowns, which are remarkable for their beautiful Colours, Silk and Lawn Pocket Handkerchiefs, Salmon coloured plain and ſtriped Dimities, Ladies Riding Hats and Feathers, *French* Trimmings, black and coloured Gauze Handkerchiefs, Silk Purſes, Wire, Gauze, and ribbed Catgut, Boys Caps and Feathers, *India* Cotton for Work, Rolls and Curls, Children's Shoes and Stockings, Satin Cloakes and Tereſas, Fans, Garnet ſet in Gold, plain Gold and Paſte Brooches and Lockets, ſet Combs, Paſte Bows, Croſſes, Sprigs, and Pins, plain Gold, Paſte, and Silver Stock Buckles, Marcaſite and Paſte Necklaces and Earrings, Gold Wires, Diamond and other Pencils, Silver bowed Sciſſors and *French* Sheaths, Thimbles, Watch Chains, Lancet Caſes, Silver Shoe Claſps, Tea Tongs and Salt Shovels, a Silver Tea-ſpoon, Trea, and Pap Boat, an exceeding good Silver Watch to be ſold at 50 per Cent. Men's fine Hats and *Didſbury*'s Shoes, Boxes of Printing Types and Ink for marking Books and Linen, black, Pinchbeck, and Silver Shoe Buckles, Aſs Skin Memorandum Books, Morocco Pocket ditto, Pocket Knives and Forks, Pruning and Pen ditto, a ſecond Hand Guittar, Children's Stays and Saſhes, Watch Seals, Keys, and Strings, black Bags and Roſes, Tureen and Punch Ladles, Sword Canes, Sticks, and Ratans, Swanſkin and Silk Powder Puffs, Tooth Bruſhes, and Picktooth Caſes, a large Quantity of *Iriſh* Linen, with ſome Table Cloths and Towels, Waſh Balls, a few Dozen of neat flowered Wine Glaſſes, Patent Blacking, Dolls and other Toys, with many other Articles.

At the ſame Place may be had a Parcel of LOAF SUGAR.

☞ As I purpoſe going to *England* as ſoon as I diſpoſe of my Goods (till Liberty of Importation is allowed) I am under the Neceſſity of not parting with a ſingle Shilling's Worth without Caſh; and I requeſt, as a Favour, that all who are indebted to me will pay off their Accounts this Meeting, and all Perſons having demands againſt me are deſired to call immediately for their Money.

CATHERINE RATHELL.

TO BE SOLD,

At Mr. GABRIEL GALT'*s Door in* RICHMOND, *on the firſt* MONDAY *in* MAY 1775,

THE Tenement in the back Street in the old Town of *Richmond*, ſome Time ago in the Tenancy of Mr. *Patrick Coutts*, lately occupied by Mr. *Archibald M'Kendrick*. The Premiſes conſiſt of two Dwelling-Houſes, a Kitchen, a ſmall Lumber Houſe and Stable, a Garden and Paſture, including four Lots newly pailed in the beſt Manner. The Time of Payment will be made known on the Day of Sale, by

JAMES CURRIE.

A BLACKSMITH

To be HIRED *out till* CHRISTMAS *next, or the 25th of* DECEMBER 1776.

HE is a hearty, ſtout, young Negro Fellow, honeſt, diligent, and of ſubmiſſive Temper, who can execute all Sorts of plain Work in the beſt Manner.

JOHN RUFFIN, Junior,
Guardian for *Theo. B. Ruffin*

TO BE SOLD,

In the Town of RICHMOND, *on* TUESDAY *the 2d of* MAY, *if fair, if not, the ſucceeding fair Day, purſuant to the Will of the late* JAMES GUNN,

A VALUABLE Tract of LAND, ſuppoſed to contain about 400 Acres, within three Miles of the Town, and conveniently ſituated otherwiſe; ten exceeding likely NEGROES, Men and Women; a great variety of valuable HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE; Stocks of HORSES, CATTLE, and HOGS. Credit will be allowed, for all Sums above five Pounds, till the firſt Day of *Oct.* 1776, the Purchaſers giving Bond, with approved Security, to bear Intereſt from the Day of Sale if not diſcharged by the 25th of the Month in which they become payable.

RICHMOND, *April* 8th, 1775. } TURNER SOUTHALL, JAMES LYLE, JAMES BUCHANAN, PATRICK COUTTS, JOHN PENDLETON, } Executors.

☞ The Creditors are requeſted to make known their Demands to *John Pendleton*, Jun. in *Richmond*.

FOR SALE,

A NEW Brig, burthen about 115 Tons now on the Stocks, and ready for launching. Her upper Timbers are altogether of Black Walnut, Cedar, Locuſt, and Mulberry. The Terms of Sale will be made known to any perſon inclining to purchaſe, by applying to the Steward at *Stratford*, the Seat of the late Hon. *Philip Ludwell Lee*, Eſq; in *Weſtmoreland* County. 4

BY Decree of the Court of Vice Admiralty, on *Tueſday* the 25th of *April*, will be ſold, at *Burwell*'s Ferry, for ready Money, the SCHOONER ENDEAVOUR, with her RIGGING, TACKLE, and APPAREL, 1300 Buſhels of CORN, 2 Hhds. of TOBACCO, 2 Hhds. of RUM, and a Barrel of COFFEE.

1 JAMES COCKE, Marſhal.

THE NOTED HORSE

PARTNER,

LATELY the Property of Col. *Thomas Mann Randolph*, in high Perfection, ſtands at my Houſe on *Rowanty* Creek, in *Dinwiddie* County, about 16 Miles from *Peterſburg*, to cover Mares at a Guinea the Leap, or five Pounds the Seaſon, to be diſcharged by the Payment of three Guineas on or before the 1ſt Day of *October* next. Entertainment for Gentlemen's Servants, and good Paſturage, gratis. I ſhall take the utmoſt Care of Mares, but will not be anſwerable for any that may accidentally get away.

(tf) ROBERT SKIP[illegible]

JOHN SHEPPARD,

Coach, Chaiſe, and Harneſs Maker, from LONDON,

INFORMS the Public that he has now on Hand a neat Phæton, double and ſingle Riding Chairs, *&c.* which he will diſpoſe of on reaſonable Terms, for Caſh, *European* or *Weſt India* Goods. He returns his moſt grateful Thanks to all thoſe who have hitherto favoured him with their Cuſtom, and takes this Method to inform them, as well as the Public in general, that he is determined to ſpare neither Pains nor Expenſe in proſecuting the different Branches of his Buſineſs to the Satisfaction of all who may pleaſe to employ him. He will repair Carriages as above mentioned, either in the Wheels, Bodies, or Carriages, and will attend to the greateſt Punctuality.

NORFOLK, *April* 20, 1775.

THE Subſcriber begs Leave to inform the Public that he now commands the Sloop *Agnes*, about 1800 Buſhels Burthen, a prime Sailer, and well built, with good Accommodations for Paſſengers; he propoſes to follow the Country Trade in common, and for the moſt Part, *Rappannock* River: He will be humbly obliged to all Gentlemen who chooſe to honour him with their Commands; he purpoſes to make it his Delight and Study to oblige all who confide in his Integrity.

‖ GEORGE BRUCE.

N. B. He will never refuſe a convenient Freight to *New York* or *Philadelphia*, and may at any Time be heard of by directing a few Lines to the Care of Mrs. *Ann Winterton* in *Norfolk*.

STOLEN from a Houſe in *Williamſburg*, a large SILVER LADLE, with a round Bowl, and a T Handle like a Spoon, marked C. and ſtamped IG.—A good Reward will be given to any Perſon who will deliver it to the Printers. 2

FOR SALE, THE HIGH BLOODED HORSE

DOTTEREL.

HE is full 15 Hands 3 Inches high, and remarkable for the Strength and Beauty of his Form, being in every Reſpect worthy of his high Deſcent, which is from the beſt Stock in *England*, as may be ſeen by his Pedigree, in this and Writing, and ſigned by Sir *John Pennington*, who bred him. The Gentlemen of the Turf are well acquainted with *Dotterel*'s Performances in *Great Britain*, and that he was eſteemed the ſwifteſt Horſe in *England* (*Eclipſe* excepted.) He is remarkable ſure for getting Colts, and they are uncommonly beautiful and fit for the Turf or Road. The above-mentioned Pedigree may be ſeen, and the Terms of Sale made known to any perſon inclined to purchaſe, by applying to the Steward at *Stratford*, the Seat of the late Hon. *Philip Ludwell Lee*, Eſq; in *Weſtmoreland* County. 4

RUN away from the Subſcriber, in *Peterſburg*, on *Wedneſday* the 12th Inſtant (*April*) a yellow Fellow named PETER, about 24 Years of Age, and about 5 Feet 6 or 7 Inches high, with long buſhy Hair, and had on, when he went away, a Dowlas Shirt, blue Coat, Leather Breeches, a Felt Hat, and *Virginia* Yarn Stockings. He is a Shoe and Harneſs Maker by Trade, has lately committed a Robbery, and it is ſuppoſed he will endeavour to paſs for a Freeman, and attempt to get out of the Colony. I will give 40s. Reward to any Perſon who may bring me the ſaid Slave, if taken in this Colony; and if out of it, 5l.

DANIEL DODSON.

☞ All Perſons are hereby forewarned from carrying him out of the Colony, or harbouring him, as they ſhall anſwer the ſame at their Peril.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

DUMFRIES, *April* 6, 1775.

RUN away, two Conviſt Servant Men, juſt imported from *London*, in the *Juſtitia*, Capt. *Kidd*, lying at *Leeds* Town, *viz.*——WILLIAM PEARCE, a ſtout likely Fellow, 5 Feet 8 or 9 Inches high, with red Hair, a fair Complexion, tolerably well dreſſed, and about 25 Years of Age.——RALPH EMANUEL, about 6 Feet high, and about 22 Years of Age, ſtrong made, and likely, with darkiſh coloured Hair, and is well dreſſed: He had on a Chocolate coloured Surtout Coat, with a red Cape, a little tarred, and a bound Hat, with a black Band round it.

They left the Company in which they were travelling a few Miles above *Leeds* Town, and both will certainly endeavour to paſs for Sailors. To thoſe uſed to the Smell of Servants juſt from a Ship they will eaſily be diſcovered, unleſs they have procured new Clothes. I will give 6l. for ſecuring them, 10l. for bringing both Home, or Half that for each. All Maſters of Ships are forbid harbouring them, at their Peril.

4 ANDREW LEITCH.

FORTY SHILLINGS REWARD.

FOR apprehending RALPH, a *Virginia* born Negro Man, about 23 Years old, 5 Feet 8 or 10 Inches high, well made, and of a yelloviſh Complexion; had on, when he went away (the Beginning of *Sept.* laſt) a blue Fearnought Waiſtcoat, white Cotton Breeches, Canvas Shirt, and coarſe Felt Hat. He took other Clothes with him, and perhaps may change his Dreſs. He is an artful Negro, and will endeavour to paſs for a free Man. Whoever delivers him to Mr. *George Turner*, at *Moſs's Neck*, in *Caroline* County, or to the Subſcriber in *King & Queen*, ſhall have the above Reward, and reaſonable travelling Expenſes allowed.

RICHARD CORBIN, Jun.

LANEVILLE, *April* 20, 1775.

TAKEN up, at *Swan*'s *Point* Ferry, ſome Time in *February* laſt, a large MOSES BUILT BOAT, about 14 Feet Keel, 6 Feet Beam, with a Ring and Ringbolt to her Stem, and a Painter 4 Feet long.

APRIL 5, 1775. JOHN HARTWELL COCKE.

TAKEN up, at *Tucker*'s Mills, near *Norfolk*, a CLINCH WORK BOAT, 12 Feet Keel, the upper Streak painted red, the next Streak of a Chocolate Colour, and from that to the Water Line painted white. Poſted, and appraiſed to 40s.——Alſo taken up, a PETTIAUGER about 20 Feet long, ſharp at both Ends, made of Poplar. Poſted, and appraiſed to 7s. 6d.

GOODRICH BOUSH.

TAKEN up, near *Hatcher*'s Creek Mountains, *Buckingham*, a dark red STEER, 3 Years old, marked with a Crop, Underkeel, and Hole, in the right Ear, and a Swallowfork in the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 25s.

‖ MATTHIAS AYRES.

TO BE SOLD

To the higheſt Bidder, at BLANDFORD, *on* MONDAY *the firſt of* MAY *next, for ready Money, Tobacco, or Merchants Notes payable the enſuing Meeting,*

TWENTY FIVE

LIKELY NEGROES,

Conſiſting of Men, Women, Boys, and Girls

CHARLES D[illegible]

POETS CORNER.

AN ODE ON LIBERTY.

HAPPY 's the man, who, unconstrain'd,
Obeys but nature's equal laws;
Who fears no power by might maintain'd,
And boldly vindicates his country's cause.
Fortune's attacks secure he braves;
Firmly prepar'd for any chance,
None tremble at her frowns but slaves,
Whose dastard fears their abject hopes enhance;
His roving steps, uncurb'd by dread,
From clime to clime can freely roam;
He goes where choice or fortune lead,
Freedom his guide, and all the world his home;
Conscious of worth, his generous soul,
To stoop to lawless power disdains;
No threats or force his thoughts controul,
He e'en enjoys his liberty in chains.

JAMES DAVIS,

TAILOR,

YORK TOWN,

HEREBY returns his most grateful Acknowledgments to all those who have hitherto been his Customers, and takes this Opportunity to inform them, as well as the Public in general, that he has just opened Shop nearly opposite the *Swan* Tavern; where, by a close Application to his Business, and the utmost Endeavours to give Satisfaction, he flatters himself he will meet with a Continuance of the Favours of his Friends, and merit general Encouragement. ‖

☞ LADIES RIDING HABITS made in the newest Fashion.

NORFOLK, *April* 3, 1775.

JOURNEYMEN WEAVERS, who are acquainted with any of the following Branches, *viz.* weaving of Cotton Velvets, Thicksets, Jeans, Fustians, Dimities, Counterpanes, Damask, Diaper, Gauze, Woollens, or Linens, will meet with good Encouragement by applying to the Subscriber.---- A good Linen Weaver may soon weave any of the above, and shall have the Pieces prepared and mounted for them, by

4 GARDINER FLEMING.

N. B. I shall be obliged to any Smith or Cutler that would furnish me with a Plough, and three different Sets of Wires, for making Cotton Velvets.

☞ I have Moschetto Curtains, and sundry other Kinds of Cloth, for Sale, and will give a good Price for well spun Cotton, Flax, or Wool, in Payment, preferable to Cash, such as will run from six to fifteen Yards to the Pound.

WILLIAMSBURG, *April* 15, 1775.

THE Subscribers having this Day entered into Partnership, beg Leave to acquaint the Public in general, and their Friends and Neighbours in particular, that they intend practising Physic and Surgery to their fullest Extent; and that they intend also, as soon as the Situation of the Times will admit, to keep full and complete Assortments of Drugs and Medicines, which they will endeavour to procure of the very best in Quality, and will take Care to have them fresh by making several Importations in the Year. It is proposed that *John M. Galt* shall pay his particular Attention to Surgery, to whom our Friends are desired to apply on all such occasions, but will be advised and assisted by *W. Pasteur* in all difficult Cases. They both desire to make their most grateful Acknowledgments to their Friends and Customers for the many Favours and Civilities they have received, and hope, by this Union, they will be enabled to carry on their Business to the entire Satisfaction of their Friends; as, on their Part, the strictest Assiduity and Attention shall be observed.

PASTEUR & GALT.

TO BE SOLD

By public Auction, for ready Money only, *at* GLOUCESTER *Courthouse, on the 4th of* MAY *next, at one o'Clock,*

SEVARAL valuable HORSES and MARES, together with a MOHOGANY SCRUTOIRE and BOOK-CASE, the Property of

JONATHAN WATSON.

N. B. The Land, Negroes, Stock, House, &c. may yet be purchased upon the Terms specified in a former Advertisement.

FIFTY very likely SLAVES,

Some of them very valuable Tradesmen, will be sold at the *Richmond* Fair, for ready Money, by

2‖ The SHERIFF of *King William.*

WILLIAMSBURG, *April* 15, 1775.

THE Subscriber has on Hand a neat Assortment of GOLD and SILVER WORK, which he will sell cheap for ready Money.——He makes all Kinds of JEWELLERS WORK, particularly MOURNING RINGS, in the newest Fashions, and sets MINIATURE PICTURES in Gold and Silver. JAMES CRAIG.

N. B. All Kinds of CLOCKS and WATCHES cleaned and repaired.

TAKEN up, in *Chesterfield*, a DARK BAY MARE, with a Star in her Forehead, a Switch Tail, both hind Feet white, but no Brand. ‖ BENJAMIN WATKINS.

TAKEN up, in *Botetourt*, a BLACK HORSE about 4 Years old, 14 Hands high, with a small Star in his Forehead, is a natural Pacer, but has no visible Brand.

‖ THOMAS TURK.

TAKEN up, in *Culpeper*, three BARROWS, two white, and one spotted, each marked with two Crops, two Underkeels, a Hole in the left Ear, and a Slit in the right; they are supposed to be three Years old. Posted and appraised according to Law. ‖ HENRY FRY.

PETERSBURG, *March* 21, 1775.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership of *Alexander Glass Strachan* and Co. of this Place, is dissolved. The Business will be continued in the same Place by the Subscriber, in Partnership with Dr. *James Field*; where all Persons may be supplied with Medicines at a moderate Advance, for ready Money.

(‖) JAMES M'CARTY.

YORICK,

IN full Health and Vigour, covers this Season at the usual Price and Place. Country Produce will be received at the Market Price, if delivered before the Mares are taken away, of which good Care shall be taken, but no Enfurance against Escapes.

JOHN WHELDON.

[illegible]RY, *March* 28, 1775.

WHEREAS my Wife *Nanny Rodelphus* has eloped from my Bed and Board, and hath behaved herself very unseemly and indecent, having endeavoured to ruin me by carrying off a Number of very valuable Household Goods, I hereby forewarn all Persons from trusting her on my Account, as I will pay no Debts of her contracting; and further, I forewarn all Persons from receiving or buying any of my Household Furniture from her. (‖) GEORGE DEWEY.

To be sold by Auction,

At the Meeting of the Merchants in *May* next, for Cash or short Credit, about 600l. Sterling Worth of

EUROPEAN GOODS.

WILLIAM COSBY,

WHEELWRIGHT,

WILLIAMSBURG,

BEGS Leave to inform his Friends and Customers, that as he has not been able to carry on his Business to his Satisfaction for almost twelve Months, owing to a tedious Spell of Sickness, but is now quite recovered, and would be glad to serve all who please to continue their Favours towards him. They may depend on their work being done in the best Manner, and on short Notice. Carriages of all Sorts repaired. He furnishes his Wheels and Carriages with Iron Work, and is determined every Thing for the future shall be done completely.

King Herod

WILL cover Mares the ensuing Season at 4l. each. The Gentlemen who send Mares will be expected to make Payment upon taking them away. Should any stray from the Pastures, and be lost, I will not be answerable for them.

ROSEGILL, RALPH WORMELEY, Jun.
April 1, 1775. (4)

To be rented, and entered on immediately,

THE

TAVERN at *Leeds* Town,

Now in the Possession of the Subscriber.

5 M. ROBINSON.

WILLIAMSBURG, *April* 1, 1775.

I INTEND to leave the Colony soon.

ARCHIBALD WILLIAMSON.

☞ ALL Persons indebted to Mr. *Patrick Telfer*, Merchant in *Glasgow*, are earnestly requested to make speedy Payment to *Benjamin Waller*, Esq; of this City, who is fully empowered to grant sufficient Discharges.

TO BE RENTED,

A large Dwelling-House *In* RICHMOND TOWN,

40 Feet by 20, with two rooms below and two above, a Garden newly pailed in, a Kitchen, and all other Outhouses necessary for a Family. The Situation is as pleasant as any in Town.

The Terms may be known by applying to the Printers hereof, or to the Subscriber, in said Town.

(tf) GABRIEL GALT.

WILLIAMSBURG, *April* 8, 1775.

AS I intend to leave the Colony as soon as I can settle my Affairs, I must earnestly request all Persons indebted to me on my own Account, or in Partnership with Mr. *William Maitland*, to discharge their Balances by the ensuing Meeting of the Merchants. As there are probably some of those who may not have it in their Power to comply with this Request, it is expected they will give Bond for what they owe, which will in some Measure answer my Purpose, and enable me to support my Credit in future.

The Goods I have on Hand, amounting to upwards of £.600 Sterling, I would gladly dispose of at a very low Advance, and allow twelve Months Credit, the Purchaser giving Bond, with approved Security. ROBERT MILLER.

MANCHESTER, *March* 25, 1775.

ABOUT seven or eight Years ago a Bond from *Jones* and *Hooper* to *Harrison*, for thirty Pounds odd, was left with me to receive Payment. In 1769 I received the money, with the Interest then due, and some Time after advertised, in the *Virginia* Gazette, that the Gentleman who put this Bond into my Hands might apply and receive the Money, but no Application hitherto hath been made. The Bond was left with me at the Time Col. *Harrison* sold Negroes at this Place, but by whom I know not. JAMES LYLE.

Ten Pounds Reward.

RUN away from the Subscriber, near the upper Church, in *Middlesex*, last *Saturday* Night, a Convict Servant Lad named JOSEPH HIGGENSON, about 21 or 22 Years of Age, a Native of *London*, a Jobbing Blacksmith by Trade. He is small made, about 5 Feet high, or 5 Feet and an Inch, has straight dark Hair, not long enough to tie behind; he has no Beard, but a remarkable masculine Voice for one of his Size. He has been in the Country four Years last *September*, and was sold by Mr. *Hodge* to one *Strother*, from *Strother* to *Roger Bell*, from *Bell* to *Reuben Daniel* of *Orange* County, and from him to me. He served his Time to a Screwplate-Maker. I have, since I had him, taught him to do all Manner of Jobbing Smiths Work well. He pretends to understand Brass and Silver Work, but is no great Artist at it. He can neither read nor write; had on, and took with him, a *Virginia* Cotton Coat, Kersey wove, died of a pale Lead Colour, white Breeches the same of his Coat, a Pair of old *English* Leather Breeches, a Wilton Jacket mixed with Red, without Sleeves, a coarse blue Jump Jacket, a Pair of white Cotton Stockings, a Pair of pale blue *Virginia* Yarn Do. a Pair of coarse Sale Do. mixed with Red, a Pair of old Shoes, and a Pair of turned Pumps. Since he has been gone, I understand he bought a Pair of new black Grain Dogskin Shoes. I think he had a Pair of Silver Buckles, and a Stone Brooch, but am not certain, a fine Holland Shirt, a Muslin Neckcloth, one Osnabrug Shirt, and a fine small Hat almost new. I hear he was seen on his Way towards *York*. I will give 5l. Reward if taken in the Colony, and secured in any Gaol so that I get him again; if taken out of the Colony, and brought Home, I will give the above Reward. I forewarn all Persons from harbouring him, or employing him; and as I expect he will aim to get on Board some Vessel, all Masters of Vessels are cautioned, at their Peril, from taking him on Board, or carrying him out of the Country.

SAMUEL DANIEL.

N. B. He has a remarkable down Look, and bends back in his Knees when he stands. As I had my House robbed the Night before he went away, and two new Cotton Shirts carried off, I suspect him to be the Thief. (4)

MIDDLESEX County, *March* 20, 1775.

STOLEN out of my Stable, in the Night of *Monday* the 13th of *March*, two MARES, one of them a Black, 14 Hands high, with a Star in her Forehead, and branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock ∩; the other is a bright Bay, not three Years old, 14 Hands high, with a black Mane and Tail, and branded on the near Buttock ∩. Whoever brings the said Mares to my House, near *Falmouth*, in *King George*, shall have 30s. Reward for each, and 3l. on Conviction of the Thief.

‖ ANDREW DRUMOND.

RUN away, the 20th Instant *(March)* a very black, large, young Negro Man named SELLOR. I bought him from the Rev. *John Brandon*, in *Bedford* County, who purchased him from one *Ransone*, on *North* River, *Kingston* Parish, *Gloucester* County, where probably the Slave may be.---- Whoever will deliver him to the Subscriber, at *Drummon's Neck*, in *James City* County, shall have 3l. Reward, and be allowed all Expenses in bringing him. (6) JOHN AYLETT.

RUN away from the Subscriber, a Negro Wench about 22 or 23 Years of Age, very black, about 6 Feet high, holds her Head pretty high when she speaks, and has a large Scar as long as One's Finger above her Breast. She has been seen with a Fellow named *Will*, who stole her from me in *Nansemond* County. This Fellow belongs to one Mr. *Henry Godwin* in said County, and was at that Time outlawed. She formerly belonged to Col. *Bernard Moore* of *King William*, where they have been seen together. Whoever delivers the said Wench to Mr. *Miles Taylor*, in *Richmond* Town, shall have 5l. Reward.

WILLIAM ALLEGRE.

HENRICO County, *March* 13, 1775.

RUN away from the Subscriber, on *Saturday* the 14th of *January* last, PETER, a *Virginia* born Negro Man, about 33 Years of Age, of a middle Size, well made, and very active. His Clothing is such as common labouring Negroes generally wear, but very probably may change his Dress, as he has many other Clothes which were conveyed, some Time before he ran away, to a Plantation belonging to the Estate of Col. *Bowler Cocke*, deceased, near *Cumberland* Courthouse, by a Negro Woman whom he has had some Years as a Wife, and I expect he is either harboured in that Neighbourhood or in *Lancaster* or *Northumberland*, where he lived many Years ago. Whoever delivers him to me shall receive a Reward of 40s. besides what the Law allows; but I would advise whoever takes him up to secure him well, otherwise he will make his Escape, as he is a very artful cunning Fellow. It is probable he may have procured himself a Pass, and endeavour to pass for a Freeman. I forewarn all Persons from harbouring him, or carrying him out of the Colony, at their Peril. (4) JOHN HALES.

OSCAR

STANDS at my House near *Petersburg*, and will cover Mares from this Time till the End of the Season, at a Pistole the single Leap, the Money to be paid down, and three Pistoles the Season, payable in *October*. He is a Horse of great Size and Activity, a fine Sorrel, and in high Order.

He was got by young SNIP, his Dam by Lord *Morton's* ARABIAN, his Grandam by old CRAB, his Great Grandam by the BALD GALLOWAY, his Great Great Grandam by *Darley's* ARABIAN, out of BAY BOLTON's Dam.

4 JOHN BANISTER.

TO BE SOLD,

THREE Thousand Acres of well timbered LAND, near *Newmarket*, in *Caroline* County, whereon are two Plantations in good Repair, with proper and convenient Edifices for farming or making of Tobacco. For Terms apply to the Subscriber.

(tf) JOHN BAYLOR.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of LAND in *Caroline* County, contiguous to *Mattapony*, containing about 2000 Acres of well timbered Land, the Property of Mr. *Robert Baylor*. The Terms may be known by applying to Mr. *Nathaniel Burwell* of *King William*, Mr. *John Armistead* of *Caroline*, and Mr. *John Baylor*, Executors. (tf)

For SALE, *and very* CHEAP,

THE Tract of LAND whereon I now live, in the lower End of *Caroline* County, that contains 470 Acres, and is known to be very good. The Improvements are, a new Dwelling-House 32 by 28 Feet, with three Dormants on a Side, two Fireplaces below, and one above, a good Cellar, the Kitchen 24 by 16 Feet, with all other Outhouses quite new, and the Plantation in fine Order for Cropping. Its Situation is equal to any Forest Place whatever. I will give Credit till next *Christmas*, when Possession may be had. (tf) LE ROY HIPKINS.

TO BE SOLD, *or* RENTED,

(Preference will be given to the first)

A PLANTATION on *Allen's* Creek in *Mecklenburg*, within a Mile of *Roanoke*, consisting of about 120 Acres of Land, the Property of Mess. *Alexander Donald* and Co. and whereon the Subscriber now lives. The Land of itself is valuable, exclusive of the Improvements, which are a good Dwelling-House, with other necessary Outhouses, and a large and convenient Storehouse, 32 by 44 Feet. There are about 20 Acres of the low Ground well set in Timothy and Clover, and notwithstanding this dry Summer, 15 Acres of it have yielded above 30,000 Weight of Hay, which, with about 300 Bushels of Oats in the Straw, some *Indian* Corn, 40 Head of Cattle, 50 Head of Sheep, and some Hogs, will be sold on reasonable Terms. The Purchaser may have Possession of the Premises as soon as he pleases, and long Credit (if required) will be allowed for the Land, on his giving Bond and Security. It is expected the Store will be continued, and of Course the Purchaser will have the Benefit of the Board of the Storekeepers, and besides the Situation of the Place (being on *Taylor's* Ferry Road) makes it well calculated for a Tavern.

(tf) EBENEZER MACHARG.

PRINCE GEORGE, *November* 10, 1774.

RUN away from the Subscriber, a Mulatto Boy named SAM, about 16 or 17 Years old, of a very light Complexion, and will endeavour to pass for a free Boy, has gray Eyes, brown Hair, a smooth artful Tongue, is a great Villain, but a very good Barber. In the Month of *June* last he was put in *York* Jail, on Suspicion of having stolen some Money in *Williamsburg*. He made his Escape from thence and got to *Norfolk*, where he was put in Jail and sent to me by Water. The next Day (*September* 20th) he made his Escape from my Overseer, and has not since been heard of. He was born in *Frederick* Town, *Maryland*, has lived in *Fredericksburg*, *Norfolk*, and *York* Town, and is well acquainted with most Parts of *Virginia*. He was very meanly clad, having been so long in Jail, but it is probable will procure Clothes. I will give 40 s. Reward to have him committed to any of his Majesty's Jails, if taken in the Colony of *Virginia*, and if out of the Colony 5 l. All Captains of Ships, or Masters of Vessels, are hereby forewarned from carrying him out of the Country, or employing him.

(tf) JOHN BLAND.